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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Luc Deverre et al.

Group Art Unit: 2855

Application No.: 10/693,992

Examiner: JERMAINE L JENKINS

Filing Date: October 28, 2003

Confirmation No.: 3886

Title: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR TIRE BEAD UNSEATING TEST

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per
Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the
☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered.
Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

on _____
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____,
which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also
enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

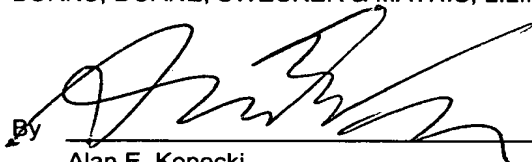
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a process and a machine for a tire unseating test, designed to overcome the drawback of conventional processes/machines, i.e., insufficient correlation between results obtained by tests performed on machines and on test tracks.

Claim 1 recites a process for an unseating test which comprises, inter alia:

- applying a force to a portion of the tread of a tire by means of a test surface until the onset of unseating at a bead; and
- recording the tire inflation pressure and the force applied.

Claim 17 recites a machine for a tire unseating test which comprises:

- a test surface for transmitting a force to a portion of the tire tread;
- means for detecting the moment of unseating; and